

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-2. (canceled)

3. **(currently amended)** An information exchanging system comprising a plurality of information communication terminals that exchange information including a plurality of elements, wherein, of the plurality of information communication terminals an information communication terminal that transmits the information comprises:

a security-coupling level setting unit which sets a security-coupling level of the plurality of elements of the information;

a dividing rule setting unit which sets a dividing rule that divides the information into a plurality of pieces of loosely coupled information, based on the security-coupling level set by the security-coupling level setting unit;

a dividing unit which divides the information into the plurality of pieces of loosely coupled information, based on the dividing rule set by the dividing rule setting unit; and

a transmitting unit which transmits the plurality of pieces of loosely coupled information divided by the dividing unit, and the dividing rule set by the dividing rule setting unit, and

wherein, of the plurality of information communication terminals an information communication terminal that receives the information comprises:

a receiving unit which receives the plurality of pieces of loosely coupled

information, and the dividing rule; and

a re-structuring unit which re-structures the information from the plurality of pieces of loosely coupled information, based on the dividing rule received by the receiving unit;

~~The information exchanging system according to claim 1,~~ wherein the information communication terminal that transmits the information further ~~comprises:~~

a naming rule setting unit which sets a naming rule that sets separate names to the elements instead of their original names;

a separate-name setting unit which sets separate names to the elements of the information instead of their original names, based on the naming rule set by the naming rule setting unit; and

a naming rule transmitting unit which transmits the naming rule set by the naming rule setting unit, and

wherein the information communication terminal that receives the information further comprises:

a naming rule receiving unit which receives the naming rule; and

a name changing unit which changes the separate names of the elements of the information to their original names, based on the naming rule received by the naming rule receiving unit.

4-9. (canceled)

10. **(currently amended)** An information communication terminal for transmitting or receiving information including a plurality of elements, the information communication terminal comprising:

a security-coupling level setting unit which sets a security-coupling level of the plurality of elements;

a dividing rule setting unit which sets a dividing rule that divides the information into a plurality of pieces of loosely coupled information, based on the security-coupling level set by the security-coupling level setting unit;

a dividing unit which divides the information into the plurality of pieces of loosely coupled information, based on the dividing rule set by the dividing rule setting unit;

a transmitting unit which transmits the plurality of pieces of loosely coupled information divided by the dividing unit, and the dividing rule set by the dividing rule setting unit;

~~The information communication terminal according to claim 7, further comprising:~~

a naming rule setting unit which sets a naming rule that sets separate names to the elements instead of their original names;

a separate-name setting unit which sets separate names to the elements of the information instead of their original names, based on the naming rule set by the naming rule setting unit; and

a naming rule transmitting unit which transmits the naming rule set by the naming rule setting unit.

11. (previously presented) The information communication terminal according to claim 10, further comprising:

a naming rule receiving unit which receives the naming rule; and

a name changing unit which changes the separate names of the elements of the information to their original names, based on the naming rule received by the naming rule receiving unit.

12-16. (canceled)

17. **(currently amended)** An information exchanging method that is executed by using an information exchanging system, the information exchanging system comprising a plurality of information communication terminals that exchange information including a plurality of elements, the information communication terminals comprising at least one information communication

terminal that transmits the information, and at least one communication terminal that receives the information, the information exchanging method comprising:

steps executed by the information communication terminal that transmits the information, comprising:

setting a security-coupling level of the plurality of elements;

setting a dividing rule that divides the information into a plurality of pieces of loosely coupled information, based on the set security-coupling level;

dividing the information into the plurality of pieces of loosely coupled information, based on the set dividing rule; and

transmitting the plurality of pieces of loosely coupled information to another information communication terminal; and

steps executed by the information communication terminal that receives the information, comprising:

receiving the plurality of pieces of loosely coupled information, and the dividing rule; and

re-structuring the information from the plurality of pieces of loosely coupled information, based on the received dividing rule;

~~The information exchanging method according to claim 15, wherein the steps of the information exchanging method executed by the information communication terminal that transmits the information further comprise:~~

~~setting a naming rule that sets separate names to the elements instead of their original names;~~

~~setting separate names to the elements of the information instead of their original names, based on the set naming rule set; and~~

~~transmitting the set naming rule to the information communication terminal that receives the information; and~~

~~wherein the steps executed by the information communication terminal that receives the~~

information, further comprise:

receiving the naming rule; and

changing the separate names of the elements of the information to their original names, based on the received naming rule.

18-23. (canceled)

24. **(currently amended)** A computer program that makes an information exchanging system transmit or receive information including a plurality of elements, the computer program containing instructions for making the information exchanging system execute steps comprising:

setting a security-coupling level of the plurality of elements;

setting a dividing rule that divides the information into a plurality of pieces of loosely coupled information, based on the set security-coupling level;

dividing the information into the plurality of pieces of loosely coupled information, based on the set dividing rule;

transmitting the plurality of pieces of loosely coupled information to another information communication terminal;

~~The computer program according to claim 21, further comprising instructions for making the information exchanging system execute the steps of:~~

~~setting a naming rule that sets separate names to the elements instead of their original names;~~

~~setting separate names to the elements of the information instead of their original names, based on the set naming rule set; and~~

~~transmitting the set naming rule to the information communication terminal that receives the information.~~

25. (previously presented) The computer program according to claim 24, further

comprising instructions for making the information exchanging system execute the steps of:

receiving the naming rule; and

changing the separate names of the elements of the information to their original names, based on the received naming rule.

26-28. (canceled)

29. **(currently amended)** A computer-readable recording medium containing therein ~~recording~~ a computer program that, when executed, causes [[makes]] an information exchanging system to transmit or receive information including a plurality of elements, the computer program containing instructions that, when executed, cause ~~for making~~ the information exchanging system to execute steps comprising:

setting a security-coupling level of the plurality of elements;

setting a dividing rule that divides the information into a plurality of pieces of loosely coupled information, based on the set security-coupling level;

dividing the information into the plurality of pieces of loosely coupled information, based on the set dividing rule; [[and]]

transmitting the plurality of pieces of loosely coupled information to another information communication terminal;

setting a naming rule that sets separate names to the elements instead of their original names;

setting separate names to the elements of the information instead of their original names, based on the set naming rule set; and

transmitting the set naming rule to the information communication terminal that receives the information.